



Seafood Inspection Program
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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Plants and Users of USDC Seafood Inspection
Program Services

FROM: Timothy E. Hansen
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SUBJECT: Notice of Change in Fees and Charges for the U.S.
Department of Commerce Seafood Inspection Program--
Effective October 1, 2006

Beginning October 1, 2006, the basic hourly fee for full-time Type 1, non-HACCP, in-plant inspection services provided by the USDC Seafood Inspection Program (Program) will be \$67.70. This is an increase of \$2.75 or 4.2 percent, and results from the anticipated Federal Pay Act increase of 3.1 percent (including locality pay) for 2007 and associated benefits costs, an increase in travel and other operating expenses.

This Program is not subsidized by appropriated funding and therefore relies entirely on fee-for-service income to fund its operating costs. The rate-setting methodology for FY 2007 for HACCP and consultative services has changed from FY 2006 to cover costs previously not captured for this activity. In addition, the rates, based on formulas, have been rounded to the nearest nickel. Charges for certain label reviews will continue as well as the requirement for prepayment for new non-contract customers.

FEES AND CHARGES FOR USDC SEAFOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM

Effective October 1, 2006, the per hour fees and charges for fishery products inspection services (except Alaska) will be as follows:
(See page 5 for Alaska service rates.)

TYPE 1 - OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT AND PRODUCT INSPECTION SERVICES

FOR 40 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--

REGULAR TIME	\$67.70
OVERTIME	101.55
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	135.40

FOR 24-39 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--

REGULAR TIME	74.45
OVERTIME	111.65
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	148.90

FOR 8-23 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS—	
REGULAR TIME	\$81.25
OVERTIME	121.90
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	162.50

FOR <8 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS—	
REGULAR TIME	87.35
OVERTIME	131.05
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	174.70

HACCP

HACCP REGULAR.....	148.95
HACCP OVERTIME.....	223.45
HACCP SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS.....	297.90

TYPE 2 - LOT INSPECTION

REGULAR TIME	121.85
OVERTIME	182.80
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	243.70

TYPE 3 - CONTRACT LOT INSPECTION and SANITATION SERVICES

FOR 40 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS—	
REGULAR TIME	91.40
OVERTIME	137.10
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	182.80

FOR 24-39 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS—	
REGULAR TIME	100.55
OVERTIME	150.85
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	201.10

FOR 8-23 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS—	
REGULAR TIME	109.65
OVERTIME	164.50
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	219.30

FOR <8 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS—	
REGULAR TIME	117.90
OVERTIME	176.85
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	235.80

CONSULTATIVE SERVICES

REGULAR TIME	148.95
OVERTIME	223.45
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	297.90

The basis for determining the appropriate fee to be charged is as follows:

TYPE 1

Regular time: Services provided during any 8-hour shift.

Overtime: Services provided in excess of 8 hours per shift per day.

In addition to any hourly service charge, a night differential fee equal to 10 percent of the employee's hourly salary will be charged for each hour of service provided after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.

Type 2 and 3

Regular time: Services provided within the inspector's normal work schedule, Monday through Friday.

Overtime: Services provided outside the inspector's normal work schedule, Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays.

In keeping with the intent of the authorizing legislation and the policies of the Program to charge fees that recover the costs of providing inspection services, the hourly rates charged to contract lot inspection users who provide complete and acceptable facilities which are used by USDC inspectors to conduct the necessary official contract functions will be those delineated under Type 1. In all other cases, contract lot inspection users will be charged Type 3 rates.

Analytical Services:

The FY 2007 rate reflects the continued inclusion of certain analytical testing services into the Program's cost structure. Selective analytical testing will be carried out to verify that existing process control measures can adequately ensure that all of the USDC inspected fishery products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled. In the event that routine oversight reveals a deficiency in sanitation, process controls, and/or product, additional laboratory testing may be warranted. Such additional testing can be expected to incur specific charges to the individual firm based on the fees delineated under this section, or quoted by outside laboratories.

The Program will also continue to provide analytical services upon request at the rates quoted in this memorandum. In the event that the analytical test is not performed by the Seafood Inspection Program, the rate charged by the laboratory performing the test will be applied. Charges based upon these fees will be in addition to any hourly rates charged for lot, miscellaneous, and consultative inspection service as well as to any hourly rates charged for inspection services provided under a contract.

Analyses	Methods of Analyses	Price Per Sample
Total Plate Count	AOAC Official Method 2000.07, Simplate Total Plate Count - Color Indicator (TPC-CI) Method	\$35
Total Coliform/ <i>E. coli</i>	AOAC Official Method 2005.03, Simplate Total Coliform and <i>E. coli</i> - Color Indicator (TCEC-CI) Method	\$35
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	FDA BAM Bio-Chrome Baird-Parker Plate Method	\$35
<i>Listeria</i> species (presumptive)	AOAC Research Institute Performance Tested Certificate #960701, Oxoid Test Method	\$75
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (confirmed)	AFNOR Performance Tested Certificate #CHR-21/1-12/01, Bio-Chrome <i>Listeria</i> Plate Method	\$35
<i>Salmonella</i> species (presumptive)	AOAC Research Institute Performance Tested Certificate #941001, Celsis Path-Stik Method	\$75
<i>Salmonella</i> (confirmed)	FDA BAM Bio-Chrome <i>Salmonella</i> Rambach Plate Method	\$35
Histamine	Biomedix HistaQuant ELISA Method 2.0 Version	\$50
Chloramphenicol ¹	R-Biopharm Ridascreeen ELISA Method (FDA Recognized)	\$100
Nitrofurantoin ¹	R-Biopharm Ridascreeen ELISA Method	\$100
Sulfite	AOAC Official Method 990.28, Sulfites in Foods, Optimized Monier-Williams Method	\$100
Moisture ¹	Ohaus Moisture Balance 200	\$30
Moisture ²	AOAC Official Method 950.46, Moisture in Meat	\$50
Paralytic Shellfish Poison	AOAC Official Method 959.08, Paralytic Shellfish Poison (Extraction Method Only) and Jellett Test Method	\$75

¹Includes duplicate results

²Includes triplicate results

If you have any questions or comments or would like additional laboratory services, please call or fax Jane Fox-Dobson at (978) 281-9386 or E-mail her at Jane.E.Fox-Dobson@noaa.gov.

Notes on Analytical Services: Sampling and travel time where applicable will be assessed using the Type 2 rates. Mileage costs and shipping costs will be assessed at the current rate. For other analyses not shown, the Program will identify a governmental or private laboratory with recognized capabilities and establish the

charges that will be assessed by that laboratory. This information will be communicated to the applicant for their concurrence prior to sampling the product or submitting the samples for testing.

State of Alaska: The rates outlined below are effective October 1, 2006, and apply for in-plant, non-HACCP Type 1 services provided by cross-licensed State of Alaska inspectors. Other services provided by cross-licensed State of Alaska inspectors within the State of Alaska will be charged at the NMFS services rates shown on pages 1 and 2 plus travel and other expenses. The rates charged within the State of Alaska are subject to revision at any time based on unanticipated changes in operating costs. Inspection services provided by NMFS within the State of Alaska will be charged at the NMFS service rates shown on pages 1 and 2 plus travel and other expenses.

STATE OF ALASKA

TYPE 1	Per Hour
<u>Non-HACCP:</u>	
Regular Time	\$107.00
Overtime	149.00
Sunday/Holiday	192.00